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2016 City's Budget Amendments:

REHABILITATION OF STREETS

\$135,000,000 for designing, constructing, and inspecting streets and related improvements throughout Oahu, including streets in Kapolei, Ewa Beach, Nanakuli, Makaha and Waianae.

As we all are aware the streets on Oahu are in dire need of repairs and we fully support the \$135M funds to improve and upkeep our roadway systems especially in Kapolei on Kamokila Blvd (passing the Kapolei Police Station. The roadways along the Waianae Coast are atrocious with many pot holes and washouts, etc. and the current plan to improve these roads to help with the quality of life on the leeward coast.

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FARRINGTON HIGHWAY CONTRAFLOW LANE (NANAKULI)

\$350,000 to be used to continue contra-flow project on Farrington Highway in Nanakuli for fiscal year 2017.

We must continue to move forward with this project to continue the plans for a contraflow lane that should be extended to the Lualualei Ahu-pua'a. This project is greatly needed to alleviate the tremendous ingress and egress along Farrington Highway, especially from the Water Park.

ONEULA BEACH PARK IMPROVEMENTS

\$1,000,000 for planning, designing, constructing and investigation of master plan and field

irrigation system.

Not familiar with Oneula Beach park; however, as along Waianae Coast, we have many Beach Parks and the infrastructure and beautification of these parks from the City and County Parks and Recreation Department should be congratulated. We must have funds to maintain all beach parks on Oahu.

INCREASING LIFEGUARD COVERAGE HOURS

\$975,000 for the first of the five-year plan to fund increased coverage at beaches throughout Oahu and to purchase new lifesaving equipment including new rescue personal watercraft.

Waianae Coast has some of the most beautiful and clean beaches on Oahu. First of all, we should congratulate our water-safety life guards for their dedication to keep the public safe while enjoying our beaches. The limited staffing of lifeguard and life-saving equipment such as jet-skis are very critical to the safety of all. Also, increasing the duty time is a strong point where many beach-goers to include tourists visit these beaches at dawn and stay later after sunset.

WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD

\$3,000,000 for providing a secondary emergency access road for Leeward Coast residents.

A must needed project! As we all know, the Waianae Coast has been plagued with only one ingress/egress on Farrington Highway. The 2010 Census statistics recorded over 43,000 residents on the Waianae Coast and I am certain that the population has increased quite considerably with the development of more subdivisions, businesses, etc.

We are developing a Disaster Preparedness Plan and Program in collaboration with the C&C of Honolulu DEM and the State-HI Emergency Management Agency to assist the communities in Waianae to be prepared and resilient should and when a major disaster strikes the coast. An important issue that always surface in the development and construction of an emergency access road which has been addressed for decades. We are pleased that the interest has been surfaced with the City and State and we need to seriously look into this issue. As suggestion in to conduct a study for a possible tunnel through the Waianae Range from Nanakuli to Kunia.

KAPOLEI REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION

\$1,000,000 for planning, designing and construction of master plan for skate park and lighting improvements throughout the park for improved safety.

Again, we fully support parks for the public.

MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION

\$1,500,000 for designing a second access roadway from Makakilo Drive to the H-1 Freeway.

A much needed roadway to alleviate the traffic condition of vehicle entering Kapolei, Waianae, and H1. Several years ago, I was interested in purchasing a house in Makakilo but was discouraged because there were no plans to extend the secondary access roadway that is almost complete.

Respectfully submitted:

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